

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Hartle, K.  
Application No. : 10/551,711  
Filing Date : October 3, 2005  
Title : FLUID DISTURBANCE DAMPING IN FLUID  
DRIVEN ACTUATION DEVICES  
Examiner : Williams, M.  
Art Unit : 3611  
Confirmation No. : 6193

**AMENDMENT**

M.S. Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

Applicant has filed concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (“RCE”) in connection with the above-referenced application (“subject application”). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, if the prosecution of the subject application is closed, Applicant may request continued examination of an application by filing a submission and paying the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) prior to the abandonment of the subject application. Since an amendment is an acceptable submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c), this RCE is permissible. This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the final Office Action dated March 17, 2008 and includes the following:

- (1) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.
- (2) **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

The three-month statutory response period expired on June 17, 2008. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time to extend the response period to July 17, 2008. Therefore, this RCE and Amendment is timely filed.